

MEMORANDUM

April 8, 2004

TO: Eric Kuhn, Dan Birch

FROM: Jim Pearce

RE: UPCO Status in Grand County, the Fraser Valley Water Supply Study

The Grand County portion of the UPCO phase III study is moving forward. The initial evaluation of water supply alternatives for the Fraser River area is complete. The participants desire to continue the studies, focusing on the more promising alternatives. We have agreement among Denver Water, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Grand County, NWCOG QQ, Middle Park Water Conservancy District and the Grand County Water Forum on the next Scope of Work (attached). This work is important to Grand County and ultimately in the discussions with Denver and Northern.

At the April Board meeting, we will request approval for \$15,000 from the General Fund to complete the next round of technical studies. Denver and Northern are each contributing \$15,000. Middle Park, the Water Forum, and a small grant from the CWCB provide the balance to cover the approximately \$65,000 cost of the next report. As before, NWCOG QQ (Taylor Hawes and Lane Wyatt) will administer the contract. The General Fund's 2004 budget contains a \$15,000 line item for the UPCO studies.

Attachment